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those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Baker's amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend, AM...I'm sorry, Senator Baker, excuse me. AM2293, Senator. (Legislative Journal page 287.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Baker, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This, likewise, an amendment brought to me by Department of Natural Resources. This one does have some ramifications to it if we don't do it. There's a sunset clause on a lot of provisions in LB 108, passed in 1996, and that sunset date is December 31st of 2002. What this bill or amendment, AM2293, does, it changes that sunset date to December 31st of 2007. It's extending it five years. What it's extending is the ability of NRDs to go ahead and form management areas and special protection areas and so on for water, and I can...I can understand why there was a sunset on it originally and I...and I hope people understand why we need to go ahead and grant or continue the power of the NRDs to set up these special protection areas and water management areas and so on. It's becoming more of a factor now than it was in 1996. And this entire amendment has one change in it. It's on the last page, 10, and it's simply extending from 2002 to 2007 the sunset date. So I'd be glad to answer any questions. I'm sure people are here that have more of an understanding of the...the powers and duties of NRDs than I do, but that's what this amendment does, extend the sunset date. Be glad to answer any questions.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: (Microphone malfunction)...Legislature. Senator Baker, thank you for bringing these issues to us from Department of Health and then the Department of Natural Resources, bringing the two tag-along amendments. I'm sure I